



2014 Organization of the Year



Nominee: Open Heart Kitchen

Nominator: Shawnda Bost

In the Nominator's words:

Open Heart Kitchen serves hot, prepared, nutritious meals free of charge to the hungry people of the Tri-Valley area. We are working on ending hunger in the City of Dublin, and accomplish this by providing lunches to students on Fridays, lunch to seniors Monday through Friday, and operating a hot meal site on Mondays at Pathway Church. Clients can come and eat at any of our locations for free.



We operate a hot meal service at Pathway Church in Dublin on Mondays from 4:00-6:00 PM. We serve 350 meals a month to people in need at this location. Families, individuals, the homeless, and seniors come to this site to eat or take meals home on Mondays. Clients receive a main entree, a side vegetable, fruit salad, a garden salad, and dessert. We also operate a senior lunch service through the Dublin Senior Center, Monday through Friday. Residents can come eat a hot lunch, or take a lunch to go. We serve soup, salad, a main entree, a side vegetable, and dessert. We serve 450 meals a month at this site. We also coordinate with six schools in the Dublin Unified School District. We provide 265 bag lunches to these schools each week. The bag lunches are handed out to students on Fridays so that they will have lunch to eat on the weekend. Each lunch contains a muffin, carrots, a granola bar, two pieces of fruit, cheese and crackers, milk, and juice.

Our goal is to make sure students are not hungry over the weekend. Through these three services, Open Heart Kitchen is doing its part to make a difference in the lives of hungry people in the Dublin area. We are unique because we do not have any guidelines, and we are the only hot meal program in the Tri-Valley. Our goal is to make sure that every resident of Dublin has access to food.